Delhi is not well equipped to combat the infectious diseases like cholera, diarrhoea, etc.; and

(b) the reasons for not increasing the number of Health Services in view of rapidly increasings population of the Capital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In order to cope with the rapidly increasing population in capital city of Delhi, the Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that it formulates plans to increase the number of dispensaries, hospitals from time to time. During the last year 12 new allopathic dispensaries were set up. During the current year also, construction work of number of new hospitals are at various stages of implementation.

MBBS seats in various medical colleges

†2708. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of seats for MBBS course in various medical colleges in the country, State-wise;

(b) the number of seats allocated for general entrance examination, All India Merit Quota and payment, separately;

(c) the number of applications received from various State Governments for increasing the number of MBBS seats alongwith the details of pending applications for approval; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken for according approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) At present there are 196 approved/ recognized medical colleges in the country with total annual intake of 21749 approximately. The State-wise number of MBBS seats are given in the Statement *(See* below).

(b) In all the Government Medical Colleges, except for medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir, who are not

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

participating in All India merit seat quota, 85% seats are available for Common Entrance Test. Similarly 15% seats in these medical colleges are reserved for All India Merit Quota. However, in private medical colleges 50% seats are merit and remaining 50% seats are payment seats. In both the categories the admission is merit based and required to be filled through the competent authority of State Government. Further 15% of seats of total intake capacity of a private medical college carved out of payment seat are filled up by the Management under NRI/Foreign Student Quota.

(c) and (d)The proposals from the following State Governments are pending for clearance:—

1. Government of Assam—Increase of MBBS seats from 65 to 100 at Silchar Medical College, Silchar.

2. Government of Jharkhand—Increase of MBBS seats from 90 to 100 at Rajendra Medical College, Ranchi.

The clearance of these proposals depend on availability of infrastructural facilities and recommendations of the Medical Council of India thereon.

Statement

State-wise MBBS intake capacity as on 8.8.02

SI.No.	State	Total intake
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2475
2.	Assam	391
3.	Bihar	510
4.	Chandigarh	50
5.	Chhattisgarh	200
6.	Delhi	560
7.	Goa	100
8.	Gujarat	1275
9.	Haryana	200
10.	Himachal Pradesh	115
11.	J&K	370
12.	Jharkhand	190
13.	Karnataka	3505

SI.No.	State	Total intake
14.	Kerala	1000
15.	Madhya Pradesh	720
16.	Maharashtra '	3830
17.	Manipur	100
18.	Orissa	321
19.	Pondicherry	375
20.	Punjab	520
21.	Rajasthan	700
22.	Sikkim	100
23.	Tamil Nadu	1875
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1262
25.	Uttaranchal	100
26.	West Bengal	905
	TOTAL:	21749

Poaching of doctors for NHS, England

2709. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has taken up, along with some other foreign Govenments, regarding the question of poaching of doctors and other medical and para-medical staff for the National Health Service, England;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the British Government thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to arrest the trend of the qualified Indian doctors seeking employment in NHS, England when the medical needs of the country are genuine and urgent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) A draft Memorandum of Understanding has been received from the Department of Health in the